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THE BLOWN FUSE

CLUB STATION W6CUS

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EBARC Meeting

January 11, 2008
7:30 p.m.

Program - (to
be announced)



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets the second Friday of each month
at the Salvation Army, 4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.
at 1123 Harrison St., Berkeley. For directions call 510-525-0694.

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Deadline for Feb. issue: Tuesday, Jan. 26th

[Articles may be submitted by "snail" mail, by dictation over the 'phone 510-741-8227, or by e-mail to aa6xz@earthlink.net]

Upcoming Classes

Education Chair, John Wood, N6JDW

The three clubs that are sponsoring the local classes for the Amateur license (EBARC, ORCA and ARCA) have decided to offer a Technician Class in the spring in Richmond. This class will offer a five week course, followed by a VE session, followed by a three week class on "How to program your HT." That will make the actual time in class 9 weeks long. I'm sure that we could accommodate many folks that already hold a license in the "How to" portion on a first come first served basis. Neither the actual dates of the class nor the maximum class size are known at this time, so stay tuned. A General upgrade class as well as another Technician class will be offered in Alameda. There is no plan for a class for upgrading to Extra in 2008.

Disposition of CW Materials

VE Team Liaison, Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ

Our excellent Volunteer Examiner team is looking to divest itself of Morse Code materials.

This includes audio tapes of tests and the test materials.

One of our VEs, Joe Lee, W6DOB, has one suggestion. He belongs to a group of people who work CW nightly. He'd use the materials to train them for the slow speed traffic net.

We'll discuss this at the January EBARC meeting, and the club can decide at that time about the proper "disposal" of the CW testing materials.

New East Bay Section Manager Ti Michelle Connelly, NJ6T

Congratulations to Jim Latham, AF6AQ, the newly elected Section Manager for the East Bay Section. Jim has been my ASM, assisting me in taking care of business in the Livermore Valley. He has also served as Alameda County ARES DEC. Jim is active with Livermore Amateur Radio Klub as well as the Alameda County Sheriff's Communications Team. Jim takes office Jan. 1, 2008.

Club Station Work Party and Orientation Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12th, there will be a work party at the club station. We'll work on the rotors that are on the towers. We'll also clean and test the Cushcraft A3S beam that's on loan to the club for use on Field Days and emergencies.

To use the EBARC club station "shack," you'll need to go through an orientation procedure. You are welcome to come on this day to get things started!

Bring a hat, gloves, and sun block!

Protect your "Stuff"

Re-roofing work for the EBARC club station will be done starting Spring 2008. If you have personal items stored at the station, please remove them, as they are in jeopardy of being sent to the garbage. The Jan. 12th work party day would be an excellent time to clean up!

Crab Feed February 2nd

EBARC will have crab feed fundraiser. It will be held at the Salvation Army, 4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante, on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008. The doors open at 5 p.m., serving starts at 6 p.m., and it's over at 8 p.m. Ticket price is \$30 each. Tickets are available from "Burgie" Jones, KE6MSF, (burgie0001@yahoo.com or 964-1476). Tickets must be purchased by Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008. Attendees should *not* park in the nearby *Girls and Boys Club* lot.

Treasurer's Report December 2007

Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer

DECEMBER INCOME

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| New Member; AF6FR | \$25.00 |
| Membership Renewals; W6EFD, N6SPY, W6QNT, K6MCM, W6DEI, K6ZLG, WD6GGC, | 175.00 |
| Family Renewals; KI6KOU/KI6KOV... | 30.00 |
| Donation, Roofing Fund (AI6S) | <u>200.00</u> |
| Total Dec. Income | \$430.00 |

DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

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| Blown Fuse Printing | \$20.55 |
| Blown Fuse Postage | 16.40 |
| Door Prizes (AA6XZ) | 90.23 |
| EBARC share of 4Cs party | 171.20 |
| W6CUS equipment insurance (Marsh-Seabury-Smith) | <u>231.00</u> |
| Total Dec. Disbursements | \$529.38 |

BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

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| Checking (General Fund) | \$4,509.31 |
| Savings (Station Fund*) | \$3,144.51 |

*\$960 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

We are collecting membership dues for 2008. It is \$25 for regular, individual membership and \$30 for family membership. Please pay your dues now. You can send it to the club P.O. box (see *Blown Fuse* cover), or you can bring it to the next meeting.

2008 EBARC Membership Renewal

Name _____

Call Sign _____ N T T+ G A E
License Class (circle)

Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (include area code) _____

e-mail address _____

ARRL Member? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Membership Type ☐ Regular ☐ Family
Blown Fuse delivery ☐ e-mail ☐ snail mail

Dues: Regular \$25, Family \$30, K-12 \$10

Mail to P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530

Additional family member name(s), call, and class

Please use the lines above to tell us your ham interests,
and any non-ham skills or hobbies

Is your Roster Info Correct?

Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ
Membership Chair

Since last year, have you upgraded, moved, or changed your call sign, phone, or email? As you renew for 2008, please be sure that I have your current information for the 2008 roster!

Current Tech Manual Wanted

If you have a current ARRL Technician manual that you'd like to donate to a potential ham, please contact Ron Smith, KE6RS, at 510-724-5099 or ke6rs@sbcglobal.net.

Future Bay Area Events

- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html
 - EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The dates for 2008 are Jan. 27th, Apr. 27th, Jul. 27th, and Oct. 26th. **There is a new location for the testing. Call before the test to find out where!** The 2008 fee (and retest fee) has not yet been set. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
 - CoCoCo RACES Training: Details, RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.
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EBARC Roster Update

CORRECTION: Mona Shahbazian's call sign is KI6MPO, not KI6MPD, as reported last month. Sorry Mona!

UPGRADE: Mark O'Brien, formerly KG6SYD, has upgraded to Extra, and his call is now AF6FR. Congratulation, Mark!

NEW ADDRESS: Chris Baldo, AI6S, is now at 3 Eton Ct., Berkeley, CA 94705-2715.

NEW ADDRESS: Mark Rubasky, KI6EGZ, is now at P.O. Box 665, Newark, CA 94560.

NEW MEMBER: Mike Argo, KI6MTS, is a Technician. He lives at 7 Casey Glen Ct., Clayton, CA 94517. His phone is 925-672-2563. He's a ham newbie who enjoys fishing and hiking.

NEW MEMBER: Seth Schneider, KI6MTF, is a Technician who lives at 377 Lenox Ave., Apt. 55, Oakland, CA 94610. You can reach him via seth@bigpoint.org.

NEW FAMILY MEMBERS: Jennifer Strahan, KI6MTL, and David Strahan, KI6MTB, are both Technicians. They live at 1506 Lincoln Ave. #A, Alameda, CA 94501. Their phone is 510-749-4895. They're interested in DX and remote control planes. Jennifer's email is shanksje@yahoo.com, and David's is strahan18@yahoo.com.

NEW MEMBER: Mary K. "Rose" Krentz-Kennedy is a Technician whose call is KI6MTK. She lives at 228 Brush St., Alameda, CA 94501-1843. Reach her at 510-523-1397 or mairiKennedy@aol.com. She's interested in emergency preparedness and communications. She's bilingual (Spanish) and is a Red Cross DAT volunteer.

NEW MEMBER: Charles Hayes, AF6AB, has an Extra ticket. He lives at 143 Natalie Dr., Moraga, CA 94556. He can be reached at 510-932-4819 or cbhayes@aol.com. He's interested in maritime mobile, 40M CW, DX, and sailing.

NEW MEMBER: Tim Roberts, KF6BYG, has a General ticket. His address is 1106 Glendora Ave., Oakland, CA 94602. Reach him at 510-495-2709 or timnjude@yahoo.com. He's interested in emergency communications, Field Day, bicycling, boating, camping, and motorcycling.

Ye Olde Editor preafrooded this month's *Blown Fuse*. Errors are hers alone...

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, call (510) 233-7509, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.eastbayarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. The packet station, W6CUS-1, is on 145.630 Mhz, and is linked to the EAST BAY LAN (EBAY) on 223.720 Mhz.

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AMATEUR RADIO NETS

| NET | DAYS | LOCAL TIME | FREQ, MHZ |
|--|-------|------------------|-----------|
| West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net | Thurs | 1845 (PL 82.5-) | 145.110 |
| EBARC "Explore Net" (HF) | Mon | 1930 (USB) | 28.425 |
| KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net | Thurs | ~1900 simplex | 146.415 |
| NALCO RACES/ARES Net | Thurs | 1915 (PL 131.8+) | 440.900 |
| Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net | Thurs | 1930 (PL 77-) | 146.880 |
| Contra Costa Communications Club Net | Thurs | 1930 (PL 82.5-) | 145.110 |
| Tech Net | Thurs | 2000 (PL 82.5-) | 145.110 |
| "Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net | Mo-Fr | 0710 (PL 82.5-) | 145.110 |
| Northern Calif. Net VHF Session | Daily | 1930 (PL 107.2-) | 145.410 |
| "Going Home Group" | Mo-Fr | 1600 (PL 82.5-) | 145.110 |

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